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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 17-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 7, 11-13, 16, 25 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 8-10, 14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The Examiner has approved the originally filed drawings on 10/11/2001.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 25, lines 1-3, "said second transfer function," "said third transfer function," and "said fourth transfer function," lack clear antecedent basis. Shouldn't claim 25 depend on claim 24?

Claim 26, lines 2-3, "said second time-dependent phase rotation" lacks a clear antecedent basis. Shouldn't claim 26 depend on claim 24?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 6,7,11-13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaBerge et al. (US patent number 5,142,287) in view of **Baum et al.** (US patent number 5,802,044).

LaBerge et al (**LaBerge** hereinafter) teaches a receiver for receiving a multicarrier signal comprising: slide window averaging (19 fig. 7) of the received signal; means for complex rotating (24) the window averaged samples using a complex value as in claims 11; and generating sampled output (27-29) thereafter as in claims 6 and 16.

What **LaBerge** fails to teach is that the sliding window (19) as being filter, and data generating means (27-29) as being filter as in claims 6 and 16. **Baum** for the same endeavor as the instant application and that of **LaBerge** teaches a multicarrier transmission system having a receiver (see figures 6 and 7) with a sliding window filter (620 and 710) comprising a matched filter for generating timing phase error as is the case in the instant application and that of **LaBerge**.

The matched filter of Baum having an inherent delay element and weighting coefficients averages the sampled values over a given time widow to generate a phase error of the received signal as in claims 6,7,13 and 16.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of an ordinary skill in the art to replace the sliding window of **LaBerge** by the match filter of **Baum** to average and filter the output samples to generate phase error at the time the invention was made.

As to the claimed phase rotation to the pulrality of bins in a DFT in claim 12, both the **LaBerge** and **Baum** teach a multicarrier transmission system and the use DFT in a multicarrier transmission system is notorious known.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of an ordinary skill in the art to use a Fourier transformation technique for the multicarrier received signals and generate a phase error corresponding to the DFT at the time the invention was made.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-5 and 17-24 are allowed.

7. Claims 8-10 and 14-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. Claims 25 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US patent Publication numbers US 2002/0041637 and US 2002/0009064 to Smart et al. and Blessent et al. respectively disclose a receiver having means for filtering the received sample using sliding window filter.

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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tesfaldet Bocure whose telephone number is (571) 272-3015. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur (7:30a-5:00p) & Mon.-Fri (7:30a-5:00p).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad H Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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